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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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E.O. 11652: NA

SUBJECT: VJ DAY WINDOW EXHIBIT

REF: A. STATE 114299-C B. BUCHAREST 2238-C C. BUDA-
PEST 1509-C D. PRAGUE 1200-C E. MOSCOW 7011-C
F. WARSAW 3118-C. G. VIENNA 4346-C
H. SOFIA 1021-C

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THOUGHTFUL RESPONSES
TO REFTEL (A) FROM POSTS CONCERNED AND ARE SYMPATHETIC TO DE-
SIRE OF MOSCOW, WARSAW, BUCHAREST, BUDAPEST AND SOFIA TO HAVE
WINDOW EXHIBITS FOR VJ DAY. NEVERTHELESS, USIA AND STATE
HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ARGUMENTS AGAINST SUCH AN EXHIBIT
OUTWEIGH THOSE IN FAVOR.

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WHILE THERE IS AN UNDOUBTED VALUE TO US IN
CONTRIBUTING TO EDUCATION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN PUBLIC CONCERNING
FACTS OF WORLD WAR II. IT IS SIMPLY NOT WORTH THE RISK OF
POSSIBLY COMPLICATING OUR CURRENT RELATIONS WITH

JAPAN. WE SEE NO WAY THAT AN EXHIBIT CAN BE DESIGNED TO AVOID THIS RISK, SINCE IT IS INHERENT IN THE FACT OF PUTTING IT UP. FYI: PRIME MINISTER MIKI VISITING WASHINGTON IN AUGUST ON OFFICIAL TRIP AND EMPEROR WILL BE STATE GUEST THIS FALL.

2. REGRETFULLY, THEREFORE, WE MUST TURN DOWN REQUEST OF THOSE POSTS WHO WISHED TO HAVE EXHIBIT.

3. RPO VIENNA AND BELGRADE INFORMED. DECONTROL MAY 23, 1976. INGERSOLL

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